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SHORTAGE OF MILK IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of milk in Delhi during the past few months;

(b) whether the Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) have not been able to cope up with the demand of mlik in the city;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response therefor;

(d) the total requirement of milk and the extent to which it is being met by the Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS);

(e) whether the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and National Dairy Development Board have imported milk powder to meet the milk shortage;

(f) if so, the details alongwith the period during which and the countries from where it was exported;

(g) the extent of difference between the per kilogram prices of imported and indigenous milk powder and the additional expenditure incurred as a result thereof; and

(h) the steps taken to ensure regular supply of milk in the city?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): There was some shortage of milk in Delhi during August and September, 2003.

(b) & (c): The supply of liquid milk by Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) during the past one year has remeined as per demand barring a few days in the 2nd fortnight of August, 2003. The supply dipped by about 20% in the third week of August and gradually came back to normal. The main reason for shortage of milk in Delhi and some other cities was attributed to the acute drought conditions prevailing continuously during the last three years in various states, which resulted in delay and poor calving of milch animals and also shortage of feed and fodder. The shortage was felt more in Delhi on Account of upsurge in the demend due to festivals beginning from August, 2003.

(d): The estimated demand of liquid milk in and around Delhi is 45 lakh litres per day. Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) currently provide an average of 20 lakh litres of milk per day.

(e): NDDB has imported about 10,000 M.T. milk powder under the Tariff Rate Quota to augment domestic supplies.

(f): The contracts for import of milk powder were awarded between end August and mid September, 2003. Most of the imported milk powder consignments have already reached the country. The countries of origin of contracted milk powder are European Union, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Uruguay.

(g): The actual average landed cost of imported skimmed milk powder in Delhi is around Rs.101/- per Kg. as against this, the landed cost of indigenous skimmed milk powder in Delhi procured by Mother Dairy in August-September, 2003 was between Rs.100/- per Kg. and Rs.106/- per Kg.

(h): Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in Ministry of Agriculture had called meetings with representatives of all State Government/Federations/NDDB and arranged supply of milk powder and white butter for Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy who are major suppliers of milk in Delhi. As a result of various measures taken by Government of India, the availability of milk in Delhi improved and no shortage of milk was felt. At present, there is no shortage of milk in Delhi and situation is going to be still more comfortable in the next couple of months.